

Community Council Action Items 2003

Support the development of the Nebraska Telehealth Network (CC 2)

Description: The NITC will support the development of a statewide telehealth network in the following ways:

- The NITC and the Telehealth Subcommittee should facilitate communication and coordination among telehealth networks.
- The Telehealth Subcommittee and NITC staff should provide continuing assistance to the Nebraska Hospital Association in developing a telehealth plan for the Nebraska Public Service Commission.
- The NITC Technical Panel should address the need for interoperability.

Lead: Telehealth Subcommittee and NITC

Timeframe: June, 2003- December, 2003

Expected Outcomes:

- Telehealth systems in Nebraska will be interconnected.
- The number of critical access and rural hospitals participating in telehealth systems will increase—especially in the second year of implementation of the system.
- The number of telehealth consultations in the state will increase.
- Health care providers will have better access to continuing medical education.
- Specialist services, especially mental health services and teleradiology, will be more accessible in rural areas.

Encourage and support community information technology development (CC 1)

Description: Support information technology development in Nebraska communities by working with the University of Nebraska and other Technologies Across Nebraska Partners to:

- Provide and/or promote training opportunities on effectively using technology to enhance development opportunities and the delivery of services, especially in the area of IT-related economic development.
- Publish an e-mail newsletter on technology-related development.
- Continue to maintain and update the TAN and Community IT Toolkit Web sites, including adding funding information.
- Work with 8 community or regional technology committees to develop community or regional IT plans through the Community IT Planning and Mini Grant program.

- Provide continuing support for 8 community and regional technology committees that participated in the first year of the IT Planning and Mini Grant pilot program.
- Work with the Nebraska Rural Initiative to explore the expanded use of youth to assist in IT development activities.

Lead: Technologies Across Nebraska and Community Council

Timeframe: June, 2003 – May, 2004

**Expected
Outcomes:**

- Communities in Nebraska will make progress toward becoming Information Age communities.
- Communities will have easy access to information and resources to assist them in developing their capacity to use information technology for community and economic development.

**Support the Nebraska Network project through
the Network Policy Work Group (CC 3, EC 1.2, SGC 2.3)**

Description: The Community, Education, and State Government Councils will assist the Network Policy Work Group with developing recommendations on policy issues pertaining to the management and operation of shared networks, including input to the Collaborative Aggregation Partnership.

Lead: Office of the CIO

Timeframe: Ongoing

**Expected
Outcomes:**

- A governance model for the shared network will be developed. Included in the model will be network administration, help desk services, and billing functions.
- A catalog of network services, including a price schedule, will be adopted.